GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1053
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2001
ENHANCING PROCUREMENT PRICE OF RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enhanced the procurement price of rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of rice in stock with the Government as on 31 March, 1999, 31 March 2000 and 31 March 2001;

(d) the quantity of rice procured during the above period, year-wise each year;

(e) the quantity of rice lifted by various States during last three years, year-wise; and

(f) the arrangements made for storage of rice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Rice is not procured directly from the farmers. Only paddy is procured from the farmers. The Government has increased the procurement price of Common and Grade`A` paddy for the Kharif Marketing Season 2001-2002, from Rs.510/- to 530/- per quintal and from Rs.540/- to Rs.560/- per quintal respectively.

(c): The stock position of rice in Central Pool is as under :-

Position as on	Quantity in lakh tonnes
31 March, 1999	121.63
31 March, 2000	157.19
31 March, 2001	231.91

(d): The following quantities of rice were procured during the last three financial years:-

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Financial Year	Levy Rice	Paddy	Total in terms of rice
April 1998-March,1999	73.02	62.48	115.34
April 1999-March 2000	105.40	90.71	165.87
April 2000-March 2001	109.82	115.71	186.97

(e): The details of the quantity of rice lifted by various States during last three years, year-wise is at Annexure.

(f): As on 1.10.2001, the Food Corporation of India was holding a stock of 31.07 million tones of foodgrains as against its total storage capacity of 35.45 million tonnes.

The States which have adopted the decentralized scheme of procurement, make their own arrangements for storage of foodgrains. Besides this, stocks are also held by the State Agencies in their godowns.

The availability of space with the FCI depends upon the trend of procurement and offtake/ sale of foodgrains in the procuring/consuming States. The FCI also creates additional storage capacity by construction of its own godowns and plinths, besides hiring storage capacity available with the agencies. The field officers of FCI have also been delegated full powers for hiring additional storage capacity as and when considered necessary. Keeping in view the requirement for storage of rice, FCI has given 7 years guarantee for creation of additional storage capacity of about 77.74 lakh MTs by the State Warehousing Corporations, State Governments and Central Warehousing Corporation in Punjab, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. In addition, FCI has also advertised for creation of conventional godowns on Build-Own-Operate (BOO) basis through Private Sector participation at 78 locations involving 5.88 lakh MTs of storage capacity in 14 States.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1053 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK S ON 23-11-2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING OFF-TAKE OF RICE BY VARIOUS STATES UNDER TPDS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS, YEAR WISE.

(In `000 tonnes)

S.No.	States/UTs	Offtake		
		April,98 - March,99	April,99- March,2000	April,2000 March,2001(P)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2116 .279	2307.920	1927.292
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	94.190	101.730	29.786
3.	Assam	555.026	528.130	379.911
4.	Bihar	235.771	236.570	132.477
5.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	88.204
6.	Delhi	112.672	74.470	1.980
7	Goa	59.960	46.130	8.552
8.	Gujarat	251.356	169.050	116.596
9.	Haryana	-	-	1.640
10.	Himachal Pradesh	93.993	64.800	26.274
11.	J&K	318.262	342.660	68.745
12.	Karnataka	888.057	823.000	948.458
13.	Jharkhand	-	-	14.270
14.	Kerala	1625.887	1191.000	488.950
15.	Madhya Pradesh	305.969	318.941	283.098
16.	Maharashtra	666.099	680.890	374.390
17.	Manipur	42.956	42.370	23.276
18.	Meghalaya	182.350	191.700	31.164
19.	Mizoram	123.139	90.890	41.060
20.	Nagaland	114.805	113.560	18.215
21.	Orissa	575.806	887.600	662.920
22.	Punjab	0.783	0.270	0.434
23.	Rajasthan	5.440	2.740	1.225
24.	Sikkim	63.027	70.020	9.159
25.	Tamil Nadu	1282.717	1807.270	1209.710
26.	Tripura	182.900	152.130	59.792
27.	Uttar Pradesh	462.503	488.060	321.004
28.	Uttaranchal	-	-	-
29.	West Bengal	249.708	421.450	339.878
30.	A & N Islands	-	16.680	7.265
31.	Chandigarh	1.709	0.110	-
32.	D&N Haveli	3.763	1.380	2.634

33. Daman & Diu	1.468	0.820	0.361
34. Lakshadweep	2.620	5.000	5.288
35. Pondicherry	1.643	11.890	9.904
TOTAL	10620.858	11189.231	7633.912

(P) = Provisional